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Photo/SSgt. Rosaire Bushey

An F-15E Strike Eagle takes off in the background of an F-16 Fighting Falcon. The aircraft, both from the 366th Air Expeditionary Wing at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, were on their way home Wednesday after a 45-day deployment to Southwest Asia.

# U.S. Air Force CORE VALUES

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# Fighters, tankers, transports take over Lajes flightline

Eastbound Flying Tigers meet westbound AEF

SSgt. Rosaire Bushey Editor

Tankers and fighters were the order of the day Tuesday and Wednesday as Lajes crews on the ground and at support facilities across the base made ready for the Air Expeditionary Force from Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, and a movement of A-10s from Pope AFB, N.C.

The KC-135s, F-15C and 'E' model Eagles, and the F-16 Fighting Falcons, were on a return trip from Southwest Asia, where they have spent the last 45 days patrolling the skies as tensions between Iranian and Iraqi forces mounted. This is the second time they've visited Lajes in that

period

"We stopped here on our way over and now on our way home," said SMSgt. Ron Decker, 389th Fighter Squadron maintenance chief.

Decker said that while living conditions in the deployed location were getting better all the time, coming through Lajes was even better. "Everyone here goes out of their way to help us get in and get settled so we're ready to go again as soon as possible," he said. "This is a great place to have along the route."

The 50 maintenance folks who arrived with the wing's 22 aircraft work dual duty, often helping launch aircraft in large packages, such as the 12 F-15s that took off Wednesday morning.

"We're used to deploying in this AEF package and it works very well," Decker said. "It certainly has helped that the rotations have gone to 45 days."

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#### Water outage

A water outage is scheduled for Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the following facilities: the base library, daycare center, vehicle maintenance shops, Oceanview Snack bar, dry cleaners and in the housing areas Bldgs. T-1500 through T-1560. The outage is for on-going construction in the T-207 facility.

#### Fire safe holidays

Halloween means ghosts and goblins, trick-or-treaters, and jack-olanterns. A fire danger associated with Halloween is placing lighted candles inside jack-olanterns to be carried by children or to decorate homes. To be fire safe, use only flashlights inside jack-olanterns.

Use a flashlight inside jack-o-lantern at home too. This eliminates the danger of a fire starting if the jack-o-lantern is tipped over or if it is placed in a window too close to curtains or other combustibles.

Make sure costume fabric is fire resistant and has a color that can be seen by motorists. Don't use dark colored fabrics if possible.

Take extra time to make Halloween an enjoyable time. Plan for safety and have a "scary" safe Halloween.

For more information, call the fire prevention office at Ext. 23372.

#### Power outage

There will be power outages Nov. 3 and 11 to allow for the replacement of telephone poles.

**NOV. 3** - 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. and affects all of Beira Mar housing, Beira Mar lift station, Bldgs. T-331, T-208, T-207, T-260, T-263 and T-264. There will also be two 30-minute outages between 8:15 and 8:45 a.m. and 4:30 to 5 p.m. for cottages A-1, A-2, A-3, A-7, A-8, A-10 and Bldgs. T-202, T-203, T-205, T-209, T-216, T-217 and T-220.

**NOV. 11 -** Outages will be from 8:15 a.m. to noon and affect Bldgs. T-202, T-203, T-205 and T-209.

People are reminded to keep refrigerator and freezer doors shut to help reduce food spoilage.



# 629th, 952nd troops meet Commander in Chief, U.S. Transportation Command

#### SSgt. Rosaire Bushey Editor

For members of the 629th Air Mobility Support Squadron Wednesday marked an opportunity the 629th rarely receives - a chance to meet the Commander of Air Mobility Command and Commander in Chief, U.S. Transportation Command, Gen. Walter

The general's one day trip to Lajes included a visit to the newly renovated and dedicated Michael Passenger Terminal, the re-enlistment



Photo/Guido Melo During his visit Kross also took time out to speak

to Team Lajes members attending the Airman Leadership School.

of three 629th noncommissioned officers and an opportunity to speak to the students of the annual Airman Leadership School class held on base. The general also visited various other 629th workcenters to meet the men and women of AMC stationed at Lajes and the workcenters of 952nd Transportation Com-

"I'm honestly impressed with all the people I've met here and the job they're doing at one of our key en route support bases," Kross said.

"A high operations tempo in the flying

community directly correlates into an increased operations tempo at bases like Lajes. The men and women of the 629th AMSS and 952nd TRANS Co. - working in a strong and flourishing partnership with the members of the 65th Air Base



Photo/SrA. Sharon Fairley

Gen. Walter Kross, Commander of Air Mobility Command and Commander in Chief, United States Transportation Command, presides over a re-enlistment ceremony for SSgt. Laura Bolton, NCOIC aerial port training; SSgt. Robert Bolton, aerial port duty officer; and SSgt. Adolf Korosec, aerial port duty officer. The general's visit lasted less than 24 hours but enabled him to meet most of the men and women of the 629th Air Mobility Support Squadron and 952nd Transportation Company.

> Wing, are making continuing missions in Southwest Asia, Europe and Africa possible.

"Without their hard work and dedication to the mission, all our technology would be worthless," he said.

# police blotter

The police blotter are true incidents affecting members of the Lajes community for the period of Oct. 9 to 15.

#### BREAKING AND ENTERING/DAMAGE TO GOV-**ERNMENT PROPERTY**

Oct. 12 - Breaking and entering, T-250/electric power station. While on patrol a security force member observed suspicious activity by local nationals in the area. Further investigation revealed a door lock had been broken. Security forces were able to detain one of the youths who was turned over to local authorities.

Oct. 13 - Breaking and entering, T-567/CES. Person(s) unknown broke into the CE compound and broke a window and some door locks.

Oct. 13 - Breaking and entering, T-570/CES. Person(s) unknown broke into the CE compound and removed an exterior door and removed money from a refrigerator.

#### **LARCENY**

Oct. 10 - Theft of private property/secure, H-120/Santa Rita. Person(s) unknown broke into a member's POV and stole several items from the vehicle.

Oct. 10 - Theft of private property/unsecure, T-131/dormitory. A member noticed a diamond ring had been stolen.

#### VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Oct. 9 - Vehicle mishap/on-base/no injuries, T-714/communications. While conducting a check of his assigned GOV a member noticed some damage consisting of a dent to the right rear tail light.

Oct. 9 – Vehicle mishap/off-base/no injuries, T-240/LYC. A family member left the youth center and noticed damage to the right rear

Oct. 15 - Minor POV-POV/no injuries/off-base. While traveling in the area of Santa Rita Hill, two vehicles hit each other as they were passing in opposite directions.

<u>Incident</u>	Oct. 9-15	<u>97 CYTD</u>
Assaults	0	11
Domestic assaults	0	3
Burglary	0	31
B&E/Sheds	0	28
B&E/Govt. Bldgs.	3	29
Larceny	2	113
Unsecured buildings	0	146
Vehicle accidents	3	71
DUI	0	3
Vandalism	0	70

# Leadership addresses cottage issues

TSgt. Patricia Collins NCOIC, public affairs

Editor's note: The following is the last article in the series on the town hall meeting between cottage owners and wing leadership held Oct. 1 at the community center.

**Q:** Why is electrical power being transferred now and not in 2002? What is pushing the issue to transfer power?

**A:** AFI 32-1061 says the base installation commander may provide utilities to non-federal users on and off base as long as a local source is not available; the 1994 housing audit also said that as soon as local power was available the base should discontinue providing utilities. Although Air Combat Command has waived the requirement to disconnect the power from the cottages, the wing leadership believes it is in everyone's best interest achieve compliance as soon as possible.

**Q:** If the conversion occurs, cottage owners may experience fluctuations in power supply. Will the base continue to pay claims for damaged personal property?

**A:** The legal office will evaluate claims in the same manner as other off-base claims to determine if it is payable. Usually, most claims for damage as a result of commercial utilities company are not payable.

Q: It is our understanding that stated in the contractual agreement between the base and the Portuguese landowners during the mid 1960's, the base had "implied contractual liability" to provide power and utilities to the cottages until 2002. With the "liability" and in accordance with international law, implied is assumed. Is this true?

**A:** There is no contractual agreement (express or implied) between the base and the land owners. The U.S. Air Force supplied power to the cottages because Air Force regulations allowed the base to do so when no other suitable source of utilities existed.

**Q:** Is it legal for the base to force cottage owners to provide the infrastructure to the landowners with no reimbursement for goods or services and/or at taxpayers expense?

**A:** The base is not forcing cottage owners to provide anything to the land owner. Cottage owners in the G and H cottages have an agreement with the land owner which allows them to lease the land until 2002. In the lease, it specifies the cottage will revert to the land owner in 2003 if the lease is not renewed. This is the agreement made between the cottage owner and the land owner.

**Q:** The current waiting list for any base housing is six months. If 81 families (current cottage owners) add their name to the list, what happens? How will the base provide adequate housing?

**A:** The current waiting list for any base housing varies considerably. The waiting list if established based on rank and bedroom entitlement. Currently, the waiting times are:

*Junior NCO*—two bedroom, two to three months; three bedroom, six to seven months; and four bedroom, three to four months.

**Senior NCO**—three bedroom, nine to 12 months; and four bedroom, one to three months.

*CGO* — two bedroom, one to three months; three bedroom, one to three months; and four bedroom, about 14 months

*Field grade* — three bedroom, 10 months;

and four bedroom, 13 months.

If 81 families add their names to the list on short notice, waiting times would increase but we don't anticipate that occuring. The housing office is always seeking better quality homes off base for rent, and in fact, accomodated many more families off-base when the U.S. presence was much larger.

**Q:** If the base populace is taken away from the hill and scattered around the island, does the base leadership realize there will be a significant loss in community camaraderie? For example, children walking to school, playing with friends and close proximity to base functions.

**A:** The base leadership does not feel there will be a significant loss in community camaraderie simply because you will have more American families located in several different towns. Children will still ride the school buses together, play with their friends and continue to have access to after-school activities such as the youth and teen centers. We have many families who currently reside off base and still participate in activities provided by the base.

**Q:** Have quality of life questions been addressed about the negative impact on cottage owners regarding conversion to Portuguese power and power outages?

**A:** Quality of life questions are constantly being addressed about the negative impact on the cottage owners regarding conversion to Portuguese power and power outages. We know of no over-riding negative impact except the costs to convert. We are pursuing all possible avenues for the Air Force to not absorb

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### Lajes Team Player



Chief Petty Officer Allen Funk Unit - U.S. Forces Azores

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How do you contribute to the

Team Lajes mission - By being
U.S. Atlantic Command's eyes and
ears on local issues, CINC level
exercises and various other duties.

Like least about Lajes - The
fact that at some point I'll have to
say goodbye.

<u>Like most about Lajes</u> - The friendships we've made with the Azoreans and members of our younger service.

Col. Rod Gibson, 65th Air Base Wing Commander, left, presents Lt. Col. Gary Kemp, 65th Communications Squadron Commander and SSgt. Scott Astrosky, 65th CS sports resentative, the Major Unit Commander's Cup Trophy for 1997. The unit has won the trophy for the past three years in a row.



The Action Line is your tool to help Team Lajes. However, before you call, try to resolve your issue through the appropriate agency. You may remain anonymous, but for a direct answer, please leave your name and phone number. Items of base wide interest will be published. Use the following numbers to help solve problems through base agencies.

Family support	23122	AAFES manager	23209
Commissary	26124	Hospital	23615
Civil engineer	26113	Housing	26251
Chaplain	23411	CE customer service desk	23335
Security police	26114	Telephone service desk	119
Supply squadron	23832	TMO inbound	25168
TMO outbound	24213	Personnel flight	23612
Services	21322/1	beeper 169-1174	
Action Line	24240		



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#### **Domestic Abuse Prevention Month**

### Frustration or communication?

Donna Knipp, RN
Family advocacy nurse
specialist

You've worked hard all day long and your one greatest perk is the thought of "home" to relieve you from stress of work.

When you walk through the door with a smile on your face, you expect a quiet haven, not this wild, unkempt place.

Your temperature rises. Your face so red starts to glisten. You shout at your spouse, and expect her to listen. Why can't she keep your home clean and tidy? When you vent about your day she acts uncaring and thoughtless.

But did you know while you worked all day long, she's worked just as hard and things kept going wrong?

The children where whiny and did nothing but fuss. She had to walk them to school because they missed the bus.

The baby was teething and difficult to console. She had no time for breakfast which still sits

in the bowl.

The dishes piled up and so did the laundry. Fix dinner or clean house? She was in a quite a quandry.

She looked forward all day to your coming home. She needed a break, but then you took that tone.

Here are some tips you might want to heed. To help you and

your spouse communicate what you need.

When you approach your mate the timing must be right. You don't want to end up in a long futile fight.

Wait to scope out the disposition and mood of your mate. If your spouse appears

moody just sit back and wait.

Try to be positive and relaxed. Don't cross your arms or look down. Make your voice light and non-aggressive, and get rid of that frown.

Body language speaks volumes so sit close together. It's okay to hold hands, it makes communication better.

Think before you speak, and

be honest and true. Isn't that how you want your spouse to talk to you?

Communicating your thoughts, feelings and emotions will amplify your relationship, love and devotion.

After you've spoken

sit back and listen. Communication is great. See what you you've been missing?





# Initiatives respond to entire Air Combat Command team

Gen. Dick Hawley Commander, Air Combat Command

I asked for space in your paper this week because I want to talk to all Air Combat Command people about the cohesion of our ACC team.

Throughout our history, teamwork is what has made us the world's premier air and space force, and if we are to succeed in keeping today's peace and prevail in tomorrow's combat, we must fight as a team. But, our team has been undergoing the dual pressures of high

operational tempo and downsizing for several years now. And in response to those pressures, we have taken a number of actions to keep people from simply having to "do more with less."

Nearly all of those initiatives are focused on improving the quality of life for all Air Force people - our total Air Force team. Eliminating Quality Air Force Assessments, restructuring Operational Readiness Inspections, reducing exercise deployments, tasking teams to deploy rather than individuals, giving longer notice for deployments, taking better care of family members of deployed people, improving access to medical care, and granting time off after deployments benefit everyone.

So does our continuing work with the Congress for fair and equitable compensation and benefits, as do our continuing investments in dormitories and family housing here at home, and upgrades to living and recreation facilities at our deployed locations.

However, a few initiatives have been targeted specifically at concerns unique to the rated part of our force, and I am concerned that my very visible efforts to identify and resolve those concerns may have persuaded some other people that their service is not valued. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Unfortunately, while my efforts to improve pilot retention have been well publicized, there has been less concentrated media coverage of our efforts to improve things for all the ACC professionals whose service makes flight possible. Please do not interpret that lack of coverage to mean that I do not appreciate and value the dedicated hard work and sacrifice of every member of our force — I do.

The contributions of every airman, noncommissioned officer, officer and civilian come together like so many rivulets to form this mighty river of combat power that we call Air Combat Command. Each of you contributes, and each of your contributions is important to our ultimate success.

Two recent initiatives to address problems for the rated members of our team need clearer explanation. First is the transition to 45 day rotations to Southwest Asia for our ops/maintenance packages, while going to 120 days for those deploying under Palace Tenure.

Second is the move to increase the pilot bonus. Let me explain each in turn. The increased Palace Tenure tour lengths in SWA resulted from the Downing Commission report on the Khobar Towers bombing. That report cited weak unit integrity as a factor, a problem caused by the continuous rotation of individuals under Palace Tenure. In reaction to that finding, Central Command increased the minimum tour length from 90 to 120 days.

However, our flyers and their maintenance support deploy as squadrons, so the Downing Commission's finding on unit integrity

does not apply to them. And many aircrews were losing their combat edge because of our inability to provide quality training in SWA. Sanction enforcement missions exercise only a small fraction of the skills needed in combat, and we don't have access to ranges and airspace to make the few dedicated training missions productive. That erosion of skills put the entire force in jeopardy because our flyers were less ready than we need should combat resume. That steady erosion of combat skills also forced a great deal of retraining when units returned home.

Therefore, CENTCOM approved a reduction in tour length for the ops/maintenance packages to 45 days. These shorter, but more frequent deployments will allow us to sustain higher average combat capability in SWA, and maintain better training continuity at home.

As for the pilot bonus, I don't think money is the key to keeping more pilots in the Air Force. But money is not irrelevant either. A bonus increase is one of the few incentives

that we could gain approval for quickly, and it is also a proven and very cost effective way to persuade some people to stay with us. Many of our people - pilots among them - incur a high opportunity cost to serve their country. These people forgo the opportunity to earn a much higher income in the civilian sector. Like all our bonuses, the pilot bonus is simply a way to reduce that opportunity cost so that people with special training and skills can stay in the Air Force without feeling they are doing a disservice to their families. Medical bonuses and the Selective Reenlistment Bonus are used in exactly the same way.

As I said at the outset, if we are to succeed in keeping the peace, and if we are to prevail in combat, we must fight as a team. Now is the time for all of us to rededicate ourselves to the teamwork that has made us the world's best and most respected Air Force. Only through teamwork can we be sure to prevail when our nation is next challenged on the field of battle.

I have great admiration and respect for each and every one of you, and for your contributions to this great force.



Hawley



# What is the history of Air Base No. 4 and the Azores Air Zone?

The aeronautics evolution, especially during the first decades of this century and as a result of World War I, produced a series of aerial achievements that amazed the world.

The flights over the Atlantic were undoubtedly the most spectacular events, and included, in May 1919, the first successful trans-Atlantic flight of three Curtis Flyer seaplanes. They left the United States and flew to England using Horta Bay as a stopping point.

People believe that the interest in the Azores as a stopping point resulted from an accident involving a Polish airplane on the island of Graciosa in 1928 while trying to cross the Atlantic. The privileged position of the Azores between the old Europe and the new continent was evident.

In 1928, the Portuguese government considered the possibility of constructing an airfield on one of the Azorean islands and after a long evaluation it was decided that the airfield should be built in Achada - near Cinco Picos. This area featured a plateau in the interior of the island. The General Council of the former Angra do Heroismo's Autonomous District assumed the responsibility for the project and was tasked to start the earth leveling operations for a small dirt runway which became the much dreamed of Azorean airport.

It was from this improvised runway that the first plane, a single-engine Avro bi-plane took off Oct. 4, 1930, piloted by Capt. Frederico de Melo, a native of Terceira.

The Achada airfield was soon abandoned due to the adverse atmospheric conditions and it was decided to construct another field on Lajes' plain which became a crucial element with the outbreak of World War II.

The Gladiator aircraft supported by Tancos and Ota bases personnel were assigned to Santana airfield in Sao Miguel and Lajes airfield in Terceira. In 1942, they expanded their activity, patrolling the ocean around the islands' central group, protecting the convoys traveling in the area and performing reconnaissance and meteorological flights. Also, in July of 1942 the first JU-52 aircraft arrived and performed cargo missions.

As a result of this fast evolution and with the arrival of more aircraft, the initial squadron was designated Group Fighter Squadron No. 2 and No. 4 and ultimately as Air Base 5 which was later changed to Air Base 4.

In August, 1943, using the old treaty between Portugal and Great Britain, both countries signed an agreement which granted the military facilities in the Azores. On Oct. 8, 1943, at the height of war, the British troops landed in Angra to replace Portuguese troops at Lajes. The Portuguese military aeronautic activity at this time, came to a temporary stop on Terceira.

Lajes airfield underwent major modifications and soon the British Halifax and Lancaster bomber aircraft were flying missions which contributed to the sinking of 53 enemy submarines. Their raids also forced many other enemy vessels to deviate their routes away from the islands thus allowing safe navigation through this part of the Atlantic.

In February, 1944, an agreement with the United States allowed the U.S. Army and Navy to use Lajes and the airfield again experienced a big surge as more runways were constructed. However, in 1945 the American operations moved to the island of Santa Maria where another airport was built. That airstrip is still in existence today.

After the war the use of Lajes Field was terminated to Great Britain and on June 3, 1946, the



Portuguese flag was again hoisted on the base. With the departure of British forces, the U.S. moved their operations from Santa Maria to Terceira.

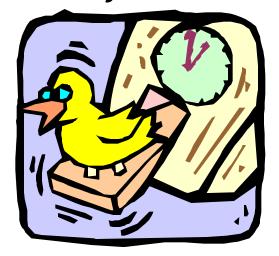
The airfield's configuration underwent more modifications and the air base's structure was reorganized. The first B-17 and Douglas C-54 arrived followed soon by the Albatroz, Sikorsky SH19 and the Dakota C-47. The base was at that time devoted to the mission of search and rescue operations. Since then, Air Base No. 4 has accomplished its

missions despite the force reductions.

After 1976 the mission of the Portuguese military at Lajes became more important and three aircraft squadrons were formed. These squadrons provided search and rescue, maritime patrol and humanitarian evacuation capabilities in the area. The Azores Air Command was then established in 1978.

Today, the Portuguese Air Base No. 4 is an important structure at the regional, national and even international level.

Do what Ed says...
set your clocks
back one hour
Sunday at 1 a.m.





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Decker said the unit isn't scheduled for another major deployment for several months, but that could change, and they'll be ready if it should.

For the 24 A-10s which arrived at Lajes Tuesday - teeth bared and ready to go - the stop at Lajes means the Flying Tigers, part of an Air Combat Command unit now based as a tenant at Pope AFB, N.C., is traveling east.

East or west, it doesn't matter, because the members of Team Lajes are always ready to provide a place to rest, refuel and get ready to take on the mission.

Some A-10 Thunderbolt IIs from Pope AFB, N.C. sit on the flightline at Lajes on their way east. Twenty-four of the anti-armor aircraft crowded the runway along with 22 aircraft from the Air Expeditionary Wing from Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.



Photo/SSgt. Rosaire Bushey



Photo/Guido Melo

#### Mission complete

After more than three weeks, the Marine contingent charged with tearing down more than two dozen buildings at the former Naval Security Group Activity in Agualva, have finished their task. Now, where there once were buildings, there is grazing land for local cattle.

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the conversion costs but cottage owners may indeed have to absorb the costs.

**Q:** Is the land lease going to be negotiated beyond the year 2002?

**A:** The land lease between the G and H cottage owners and the land owner is a private lease. The U.S. Air Force does not have the authority to negotiate a land lease for a cottage owner. If the lease is to be renewed, the cottage owners either collectively or individually, should negotiate with the land owner to renew the lease.

**Q:** Is it true the city of Praia wants to buy the land and cottages in the year 2002 in order to provide low income housing to Portuguese nationals?

**A:** As far as we are aware, Praia is not interested in purchasing the land for low income families.

**Q:** In regards to A-G and H series cottages, which will revert back to the landowner in 2002?

**A:** G and H cottages are built on land which is leased by the land owner directly to the cottage owner. The lease is due to expire Dec. 31, 2002. The other cottages are built on land that is leased by

the Portuguese Air Force as part of Air Base 4.

**Q:** Will the wing be an advocate for extension of the contract beyond 2002?

**A:** The wing does not have the authority to negotiate an extension of the land lease on behalf of the cottage owners. However, wing agencies may be able to provide assistance on an individual basis such as legal assistance from the legal office.

**Q:** Will any other services currently offered by the base be transferred to Portuguese service? If so, which ones and when will the transfer take place?

A: The base is trying to transfer refuse collection, water and telephone service. As of now, the City of Praia who provides refuse collection does not wish to collect refuse from cottage owners. The City of Praia is not able to provide water at this time to cottage owners. The 65th Communications Squadron is working the telephone issue. The base will not discontinue any service unless another source is willing to provide that service. No dates have been

set for any transfer of services but all will eventually occur.

**Q:** Is it legal to sell the cottages to Portuguese nationals?

A: There is nothing illegal about selling to a Portuguese national, per se. However, in order to assign the land lease to the new owner (Portuguese or American) you need the consent of the land owner. The land lease is an agreement between the land owner and the cottage owner. When a cottage owner sells the cottage they are selling whatever interest they have in the building. They must also assign or transfer their right to use the land. There has been a case in the past, where an American sold his cottage to a Portuguese national and failed to obtain the consent of the land owner. When the Portuguese national failed to pay the land rent, the land owner filed suit against the American for payment of delinquent land rent.

**Q:** Currently the housing office is not advising people to register cottages in Praia. Is it in our best interest to register our cottage?

A: Registering your cottage at

the finance office at Praia provides a way to prove ownership and therefore is probably in your best interest to do so.

**Q:** If the cottage owner is forced out of the cottage in 2002, will there be any monetary compensation provided by the U.S. government (or Portuguese) such as the compensation provided by the government during the 1992 and 1994 drawdown?

**A:** No monetary compensation is available from the U.S. government. The compensation available in 1992 and 1994 was provided as a direct result of the BRAC realignment. The issue 2002 does not involve the BRAC realignment. It only involves the expiration of a land lease between the cottage owners and the land owner.

**Q:** If conversion to Portuguese power occurs, will the base advocate installing streetlights for security measures?

**A:** The base will be an advocate for security for all our people from the host nation regardless of location.

## Top enlisted man says 'service before self' needed

MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE, Mont. (AFNS) — The chief master sergeant of the Air Force would like to see more airmen and noncommissioned officers focus on what they can do for the Air Force and less on what the Air Force can do for them.

CMSgt. of the Air Force Eric W. Benken, who assumed his position Nov. 5, 1996, visited Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., and Malmstrom last week.

After almost 12 months in the job, Benken said he sometimes worries that too many people are overly concerned about their pay checks

and not concerned enough about their military professions and the responsibilities that go along with them.

"We are a service and a nation with a long history of great people who have made tremendous sacrifices for our country and our way of life," Benken said to airmen who gathered to see him at Malmstrom's 341st Space Wing. He said he would like to see more of a focus on one of the Air Force's three core values: service before

"I want people to look at their professions with that in mind and to remember that our job is to fly and fight," he said.

"As members of the profession of arms, we share a common bond with those who served at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, the World Wars, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm. Many of them made the ultimate sacrifice," Benken said. "It's a profession in which, when the day is done, you can be proud of what you've accomplished. You've served your nation."

Benken said he spends some 20-25 days a month visiting troops at bases all over the United States and overseas. About 95 percent of that time away from his Pentagon office is spent meeting enlisted men and women at their units and in small and large gatherings hearing their concerns and passing on issues he believes are important.

A common concern he hears from the en-

listed force centers around pay, retirement benefits and health care. He would like to see more people - particularly senior NCOs - focus more on what they can do to make the Air Force a better place.

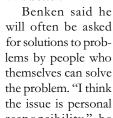
"This job we're in - this profession - is certainly not about pay and compensation," he said. "It's not about lucrative job offers from the private sector. Those things are secondary to what we are and what we do for our nation.

"Our No. 1 reason for being here in uniform is to serve our country. We can't satisfy all of the material things that people want.

> That's not what we're about. We shouldn't try to do that."

> Benken said he would like to hear more of this question from people: "Chief, what can I do to make the Air Force, my base or my unit better?"

> Benken said he will often be asked for solutions to probresponsibility," he



said. "We need to realize that the state of our Air Force is the responsibility of every one of us, not just the chief master sergeant of the Air Force, not the chief of staff, not the secretary of the Air Force."

Benken said he wants to see more people getting directly involved in bettering the Air Force from the personal and unit level up.

"When a problem or a challenge crops up, we need to engage ourselves," he said. "That includes going to the boss and asking, 'What can I do to fix the problem?""

He also had advice for those who find themselves challenged, or even frustrated, by obstacles they face in their jobs or missions.

"Whether the adversary is an enemy on foreign soil, a budget issue or increased operations tempo, we need to face it with innovation, determination and optimism, and we can overcome it," he said. "That's what leadership is all about."



Benken



#### Secretary of Defense approves medals for Operation Pacific Haven

Secretary of Defense William Cohen has approved the Joint Meritorious Unit Award and Humanitarian Service Medal for members of the armed forces who were assigned to Joint Task Force - Operation Pacific Haven, the evacuation of Kurdish and Iraqi refugees.

The timeframe for the awards is Sept. 15, 1996 through April 30, 1997 with eligibility limited to those U.S. military forces present at the time and who directly participated in the service or achievement for 30 days or more for the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, or one day for the Humanitarian Service Medal at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

Military members must be assigned to the joint unit or task force receiving the IMUA, either as individuals or as members of assigned or attached unit. Local commanders may waive, on an individual basis, the 30 day minimum requirement for individuals - Air Force Reserves on active-duty and or TDY personnel - who, in the purview of the commander, contributed directly to the achievement cited, and were assigned on official orders to the awarded unit during the time frames.

Members eligible for the JMUA, the HSM, or both should report to their servicing military personnel flight's career enhancement section and provide supporting documentation (performance report, copy of decorations citation with special orders, certificate of achievement signed by on-site commander, travel voucher, etc.) verifying member actually participated in or supported Operation Pacific Haven. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

#### Web site award

The Air Force announced its quarterly web site winners. They are as follows: First - The Air Force Museum (http:// www.wpafb.af.mil/museum/); Second -Rome Laboratory (http://www.rl.af.mil); Third - The Wilford Hall Medical Center (http://www.whmc.af.mil).

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# Pigskin picks • Week 8•

This week **Scott Thomsen** took first-place honors - the first two-time winner of the year. He'll receive a Superbowl XXXI mug courtesy of the 65th Services Division. Random prize winners were **Chris Coleman** and **Tom Harmon**, who will each receive prizes courtesy of Services; and **Tammy Kennedy** who gets a T-shirt from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service New Car Sales division.

Winners can pick up their prizes at public affairs, Bldg. T-100. **Prizes not claimed** within two weeks will be redistributed.

#### Top 20 after Week 8:

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1	Charlene Longley	78-29
2	Carmen Gonzalez	75-32
	John Thurmon	
4	Chris Coleman	74-33
	David Conley	
	Debra Huntley	
7	Randy Bialcik	73-34
8	Ryan Brownmiller	71-36
	Daron Hampton	
	Doug Hanson	
	Jessie Miles	
	Antonio Ribeiro	
13	Steve Cominsky	70-37
	Henry Gonzalez	
	Doc Russell	
	Scott Thomsen	
	Mikell Wetzell	
18	Parry Campbell	69-38
ESPN**		
	James Faircloth	

### Susan Pelletier Bottom five

John Hamilton

111 Hank Kennedy	54-53
Irene Moore	
113 Geoff Fischer	52-55
114 Dane McKenzie	50-57
115 Dave Hicks	44-63
116 Rebecca Mosley*	43-34

- \* Mosley began the season during week three.
- \*\* ESPN is taken from the ESPN.sportszone.com web sight each Thursday. This is provided to see how our prognosticators (who chose the whole season) stack up against the 'pros' who pick week to week. This is ESPN's first week in the top 20.

#### Youth sports

- A youth cheerleading camp will take place Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon There is a fee. For more information, call Dawn Boseneiler at Ext. 23273.
- Volunteer coaches and officials are needed for flag football and cheerleading, call Ext. 23273.

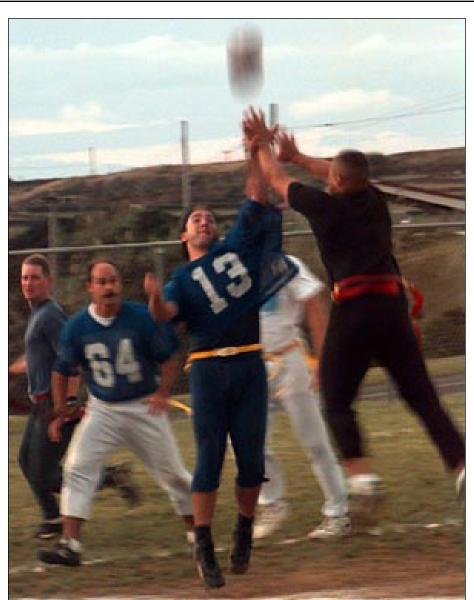
#### Aquaknights

The Aquaknights of Atlantis have slots left

for the last open water diving class being held in the beginning of November. The price increases next year and limited slots are available. For more information, call Ext. 23294 or 26282.

#### Half marathon

The city hall of Sines, on mainland Portugal will have its first ever half-marathon Nov. 16. People interested in participating in this sporting event should call Ed Lima at public affairs at Ext. 23413.



Photo/SSgt. Rosaire Bushey

#### It's off

Despite a last-minute leap by a Supply defender, Communications Squadron quarterback, Gabe Canter, manages to get off the pass during Wednesday night's intramural flag football match. The Communications team beat the Supply squad 19-6 to move their record to 7-2. Wind gusts of up to 52 mph kept the game largely on the ground. In Wednesday's only other game the Civil Engineers racked up 21 points to beat JAMS (Joint, Air Base Wing, Mission Support, Services), 21-6.





#### Saturday

Lunch: Hamburger parmesan, roast pork,

turkey risotta

Dinner: Baked chicken, paprika beef,

creole spaghetti

#### Sunday

Lunch: Meatloaf, pepperoni pizza, curried

chicken with brown rice

Dinner: Jaegerschnitzel, turkey curry,

grilled ham steaks

#### Monday

Lunch: Spaghetti, rojoes, diced pork with

potatoes, ginger pepper steak

Dinner: Sukiyaki, szechwan chicken,

manicotti

#### Tuesday

Lunch: Peixe assado, baked Italian sau

sage, summer spaghetti

Dinner: Beef porcupine, roast fresh ham,

herbed baked spinach

#### Wednesday

Lunch: Savory baked chicken, oriental

steak, ervilhas a Portuguesa, peas and sausage Portuguese style

Dinner: Barbecue beef cubes, oven fried

fish, broccoli and turkey casserole

#### **Thursday**

Lunch: Porco de Lombo, roast pork,

vakisoba, fried chicken

Dinner: Baked fish with garlic, vegetable

stuffed peppers, roast turkey

#### Oct. 31

Lunch: Iscas a Portuguesa, liver Portu

guese style, turkey pasta, szechwan

chicken

Dinner: El rancho stew, veal steak, ground

beef cordon bleu

(Note: Menu subject to change without notice. Daily hotline menu: Ext. 24248.)

### **Briefs**

#### Halloween hay ride

The Lajes Youth Program is sponsoring hay rides Wednesday to celebrate Halloween. The LYP needs people to donate cookies for the event. Call Ext. 23273 if you can help.

#### LYP slogan

The 1998 youth telethon needs a slogan and everyone is invited to submit an entry. The winning entry will receive a 1998 youth telethon T-shirt. For more information, call Ext.

#### Mailing dates

The following are the postal mailing dates for the holiday season.

#### To the United States

Air letters/cards Dec. 12 Priority mail Dec. 5 Dec. 1 Space available mail From the United States to Lajes

Air letter/cards and

priority mail Dec. 1 Parcel airlift Nov. 21 Nov. 21 Space available mail

#### Teen party

There will be a teen Halloween party at the old club Nov. 1 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Permission slips are due by Tuesday. For more information, call Ext. 23273.

#### Festival of the Arts

The annual Festival of the Arts will be held Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the community center. Portuguese and American artists and craftsmen will be selling unique items such as baskets, linens, folk art, wooden items

Proceeds from the event benefit many community and charitable projects through the officers wives club.

American vendors and squadrons that wish to participate in the Festival of the Arts can pick up contracts at the community center. For more information, call Ext. 93031 or 542729.

The deadline for contract submission is Saturday and they can be picked up at the CC. Because of safety regulations, strollers will not

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- Bicycles for sale Bianchi mountain bikes, eight to choose from, \$275 to \$1,440. Also Bianchi road bikes with Campy groups, Vittoria tires, \$580 to \$700. Call Ext. 28755.
- · Super Nintendo with turbo controller and 18 games, great condition, \$250. Call Ext.
- WANTED Sociology of Deviant Behavior textbook, 9th edition. The book has a blue cover and is by Clinard Meier. For more information, call Ext. 28860.
- Only used once Ocean Master dry snorkel, \$45; Ocean Ways Seastar mask, \$45; Beauchat contact spirit flippers, \$45. Call Ext. 28896.
- FREE Four kittens to good homes. Two gingers, one black/white, and one black. Very lovable and healthy. Six weeks old and playful. Call Ext. 28311.
- FREE to good home Dodge full size pickup. Will not pass inspection in current

condition. Needs a new starter and has some wiring problems. It only has two rust spots that require attention. If interested, call Ext. 27925.

- WANTED Used bikes, any condition and size, for the "Toys for Tots" ride in December. Call Ext. 28755
- Bianchi mountain bikes, 21 and 24 speed, starting at \$275; Bianchi road bikes, celeste green, 14-16 speed starting at \$580. Call Ext. 28755.
- 1983 Kawasaki 750 Spectre. Just passed inspection and includes two helmets and a cover, \$1500. Call Ext. 28775 after 5:30 p.m.
- · Magenta color Kramer electric guitar, with amplifier, \$150 OBO. Also, Technics 5disc CD changer component, \$70 OBO. Call Ext. 28288.
- FREE Three kittens, about four weeks old to a good home. Call Ext. 28288.

Classified ads run on a space available basis for two weeks.



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be permitted in the CC during the festival.

#### SUM dinner

The 65th Air Base Wing and Comptroller Flight, along with U.S. Forces Azores, will sponsor a single and unaccompanied member's dinner Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the chapel annex. The meal will be chili.

#### Legal retraining

People interested in cross-training into the legal career field must meet the following qualifications — have no convictions by courts-martial or Article 15 actions, have a clear and distinct speaking ability, have a high school diploma and type a minimum of 25 words per minute. In addition to letters of recommendation, personal records will be reviewed and an interview will be given by the law office manager and the staff judge advocate. The technical training for a paralegal technician is six weeks at Maxwell AFB, Ala. For more information, call Ext. 23546.

#### Parent group luncheons

The elementary school will host parent support group luncheons beginning Nov. 5. The

#### AFI 36-2903 Tip of the Week

Courtesy - Lajes First Sergeant's Council
This one's for the ladies: Trying to grow your hair out? Pony tails are okay but make sure it doesn't extend below the bottom of your collar, whether it touches it or not, and you can still wear your head gear properly. Be safe, be happy and above all, be in standards. You represent us all.

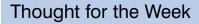
#### Protestant schedule

Saturday — 6:18 p.m. -Lutheran

Sunday — 9 a.m. Evangelical service

> Noon Gospel service Catholic schedule

Saturday — 5 p.m. Mass Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Mass



"All who exalt themselves shall be humbled, and all who humble themselves shall be exalted."

Mt 23.12

luncheons will be held every Wednesday at noon and cover parental issues, advice and suggestions. For more information, call Ext. 26475 or 26216.

#### All Saints Night

Volunteers are needed to help with All Saints Night Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the chapel. The program is a Halloween alternative for children. Children are welcome to join for candy, games and more. For more information, call the chapel at Ext. 24211.

#### Essay contest

Children ages 8 to 14 are eligible to enter the "Safest Kid in America Contest" and earn a visit to a Nickelodeon studio or a trip to Universal Studios in Orlando Florida. The essay contest should be 500 words or less explaining how the child promotes safety for him/herself, the family and community. The essay should focus on how the child has: performed a heroic deed that makes a difference between life and death for a friend or family member; shown a commitment to safety by telling others how important safety is; or fostered safety practices within his or her community in a unique way. Entries must be postmarked by Nov. 15, 1997 to: Safest Kid in America Contest, PO Box 965308, Marietta, GA, 30066. Entry forms are available at the youth center weekdays between noon and 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m. For more information, call Ext. 23273.

#### Parent infant connection

A socialization and play group for parents and infants 0-12 months meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at the community center from 2 to 4 p.m. Siblings are welcome. For more information, call Ext. 25177

#### New parent support

A program to educate and support new and expectant parents is available with home visits provided by a registered nurse to help parents make a successful transition to parenthood. For more information, call Ext. 25177.

#### Supply one-stop

The 65th Supply Squadron's customer onestop is the first stop for all supply matters, including the zero overpricing program and the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office withdrawal program. For more information, call Ext. 23841.

#### Youth notes

- The LYC is looking for instructors to teach youth classes. Class types can vary musical instrument, needle point, gymnastics, etc. Call the LYC at Ext. 23273 for details.
- The youth center haunted house needs volunteer guides and ticket agents. The haunted house will be at the old club Thursday through Nov. 1. For more information, call Ext. 23273.
- The youth center is sponsoring a haunted house in the old club, Thursday to Nov. 1, from 7 to 10 p.m. Children ages 12 and under pay \$1.50; everyone else pays \$3. For more details, call Ext. 23273.
- The Lajes Teen Center is having a bake sale at the commissary Nov. 14, from 2:30 to 6 p.m.
- The Lajes Teen Center is sponsoring a cave exploring trip Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Teens in grades 7-12 may participate. A permission slip is required by Nov. 6. There is a fee and additional money is required for lunch. For more information, call Ext. 23273.
- The teen center is sponsoring a lock-in Nov. 14, from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. The event is for teens in grades 7-12. Snacks and breakfast will be served. A permission slip is required by Nov. 12. There is a fee. Call Ext. 23273 for details.

#### Child center events

- The child development center is sponsoring a family feast Nov. 20 at 11 a.m. The program is open to children and parents enrolled at the CDC. The meal includes turkey and all the trimmings.
- Parents of the CDC are invited to share a favorite family recipe which will be compiled into a *Family Traditions Cookbook* and distributed to all CDC parents.
- The CDC is sponsoring a Family Special Moments Story cassettes. Blank tapes are available for CDC parents to record their favorite family traditions or special moments. For information on any of these programs, call Ext. 23188

### Superbowl Bingo

Superbowl bingo packets go on sale Nov. 1 at the community center. The cost is \$40 per pack with a grand prize of a trip for two to the Superbowl in San Diego. Nearly \$10,000 in prizes will be available including shirts, hats and other NFL paraphenalia. Call Ext. 24135 for information.

#### CROSSROADS Oct. 24, 1997

Movies All show times are at p.m. unless indicated. Movies are subject to change without notice. Call Ext. 23302 for information. (V= violence; S=sex; D=drug use; L=language)

#### Saturday

**Conspiracy Theory R** (V) 125 min

• Mel Gibson and Julia Roberts. A paranoid taxi driver has one of his conspiracy theories turn true and he finds himself running for his life.

#### Sunday

Money Talks R

· Chris Tucker and Charlie Sheen. A small time con man is mistaken for a cop killer and a snatcher of stolen diamonds.

#### Monday

**Event Horizon** 

R (•S) 96 min

- · Laurence Fishburne and Sam McNeill. A prototype spaceship which dissappeared on its maiden voyage is found vears later - with its hidden secrets.
- **Tuesday** Fire Down Below R(V•L) 100 min.
- · Steven Segal and Marg Helgenberger. An Environmental Protection Agency agent goes underground to discover who is behind the dumping of lethal chemicals in a mine shaft.

#### Wednesday

**Conspiracy Theory** R (V) 125 min

- · See Saturday for movie synopsis.
- Thursday Money Talks R
- · See Sunday for movie synopsis.

#### Oct. 24

A Smile Like Yours R (S) 101 min.

• Greg Kinnear and Lauren Holly. They have everything going for them except a baby - and while he's not sure, she's obsessed with the idea.

#### **SATURDAY**

0900 Aaahh! Real Monsters

0930 Are You Afraid Of The

Dark? 1000 Nova

1100 Hometime

1130 Burt Wolf's Menu

1200 Headline News

1230 Navy Marine Corps News

1300 ESPN NHL Hockey: Dallas at Chicago

1600 WWF Superstars

1700 Soul Train

1800 Headline News

1830 ESPN News 1900 Living Single

1930 Malcolm & Eddie

2000 Drew Carey

2030 The Nanny

2100 ABC 20/20

2200 ESPN College Football: Michigan at Michigan State

#### **SUNDAY**

0100 Saturday Night Live

0230 Videolinks

0330 The Mask

0500 Headline News 0530 Outreach Of Love

0600 Real Videos

0630 Hour of Power

0700 Family Times

0730 Worship for Kids

0800 Casper

0830 Arthur

0900 7th Heaven

1000 Beethoven's 2nd

1100 AFN Special: A Disney Halloween

1200 Headline News

1230 AF TV News

1300 ESPN2 College Football: Air Force at San Jose State 1600 WCW Wrestling

1700 NFL Football: Dallas at Philadelphia 2000 NFL Football: Minnesota at

Tampa Bay

2300 Headline News

2330 Wall Street Journal Report

#### **MONDAY**

0001 Computer Chronicles 0030 America's Black Forum

0100 Austin City Limits

0200 Friday Night

0300 Headline News

0330 CNN/SI

0400 NBC Meet the Press

0500 Sesame Street

0600 NBC Meet the Press

0700 Sesame Street

0800 Little Bear

0830 Kiana's Flex Appeal

0900 Oprah Winfrey

1000 Port Charles

1030 Guiding Light

1100 General Hospital

1200 Headline News

1230 Wheel Of Fortune

1300 Today

1500 Dog City

1530 Eek! Stravaganza

1600 Transformers

1630 All That 1700 Jeopardy!

1730 ESPNews

1800 Headline News/News 8

1830 Navy Marine Corps News

1900 CBS 60 Minutes

2000 Murphy Brown

2030 Fired Up

2100 NYPD Blue

2200 Headline News

2220 News 8

2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno

2330 ESPN Monday Prime

#### **TUESDAY**

0100 ABC Monday Night Football Green Bay at New England

0400 Headline News

0430 NBC Nightly News 0500 Sesame Street

0600 Mr. Roger's Neighborhood

0630 Fitness Beach

0700 Sesame Street

0800 Mr. Roger's Neighborhood

0830 Fitness Beach 0900 Montel Williams

1000 Port Charles

1030 Guiding Light

1100 General Hospital

1200 Headline News

1230 Wheel Of Fortune

1300 Today

1500 Biker Mice From Mars

1530 Bobby's World

1600 Kratt's Creatures 1630 Saved By the Bell

1700 Jeopardy!

1730 ESPNews

1800 Headline News/News 8

1830 CNN Showbiz Today

1900 Sliders

2000 Buffy the Vampire Slayer

2200 Headline News

2220 News 8 2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno 2330 Late Show with David

#### WEDNESDAY

0030 CNN Showbiz Today

0100 Arachnaphobia

Letterman

0300 The Dead Zone

0500 Headline News

0530 CNN/SI

0600 ABC World News Tonight 0630 NBC Nightly News

0700 Sesame Street

0800 Barney and Friends

0830 Body Shaping

0900 Oprah Winfrey

1000 Port Charles

1030 Guiding Light

1100 General Hospital

1200 Headline News

1230 Wheel Of Fortune 1300 Today

1500 Garfield And Friends

1530 The Secret Life Of Toys

1600 Big Bad Beetleborgs

1630 Legends Of Hidden Temple

1700 Jeopardy!

1730 ESPNews

1800 Headline News/News 8

1830 CNN Showbiz Today

1900 Moesha

1930 Family Matters

2000 Party of Five

2100 Melrose Place 2200 Headline News

2220 News 8

2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno

2330 Late Show with David Letterman

#### THURSDAY

0030 CNN Showbiz Today

0100 Wolf

0300 Amityville Horror

0500 Headline News 0530 CNN/SI

0600 ABC World News Tonight 0630 NBC Nightly News

0700 Sesame Street

0800 Mr. Roger's Neighborhood

0830 Fitness Beach

0900 Montel Williams

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1100 General Hospital

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1230 Wheel Of Fortune

1300 Today

1500 Bonkers

1530 Little Mermaid

1600 The Tick

1630 In The Mix 1700 Jeopardy!

1730 ESPNews

1800 Headline News/News 8

1830 CNN Showbiz Today 1900 The Single Guy

1930 Mad About You 2000 Caroline In The City

2030 NewsRadio

2100 Law & Order 2200 Headline News

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Letterman

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1630 Book Of Virtues

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